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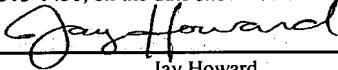
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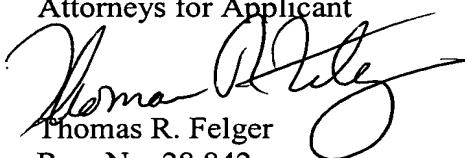
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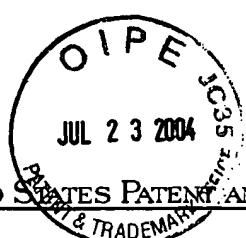
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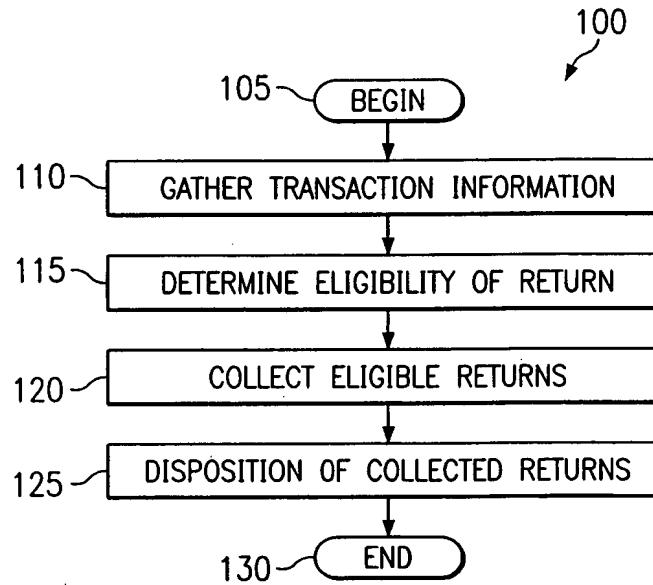


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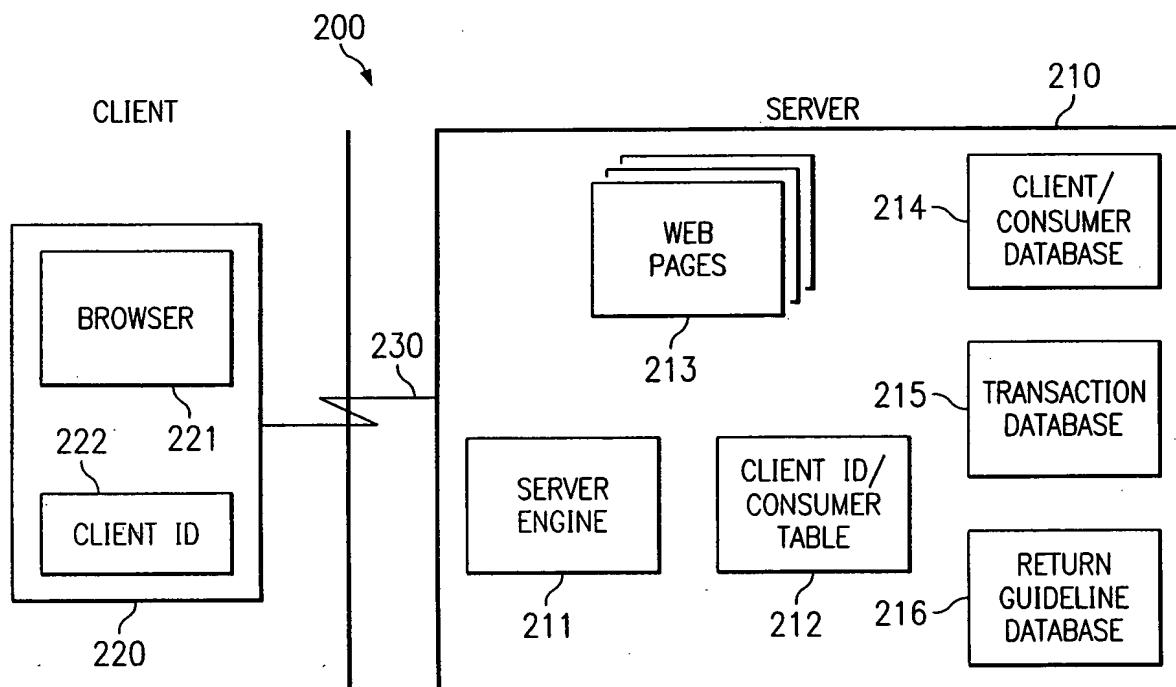
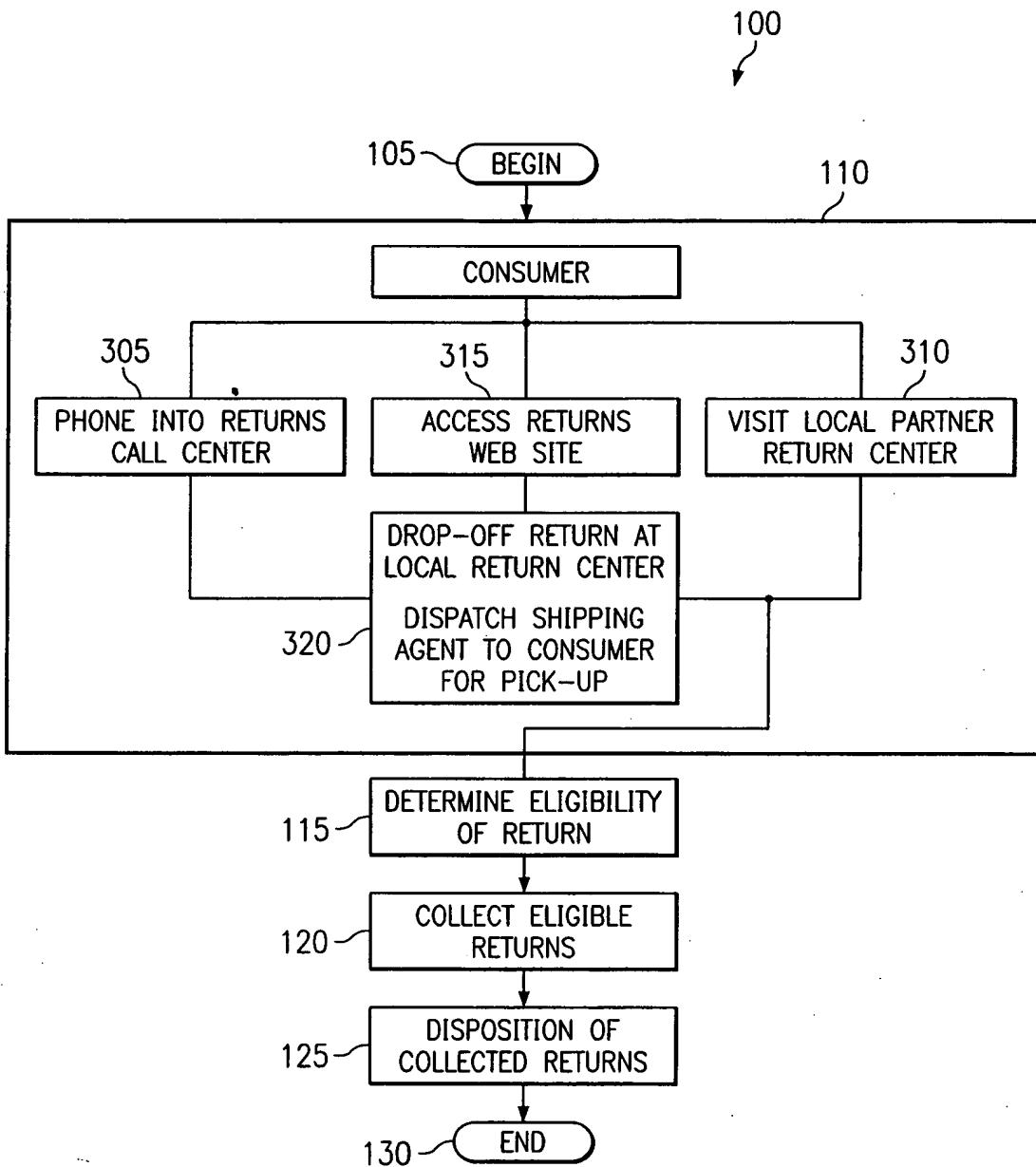
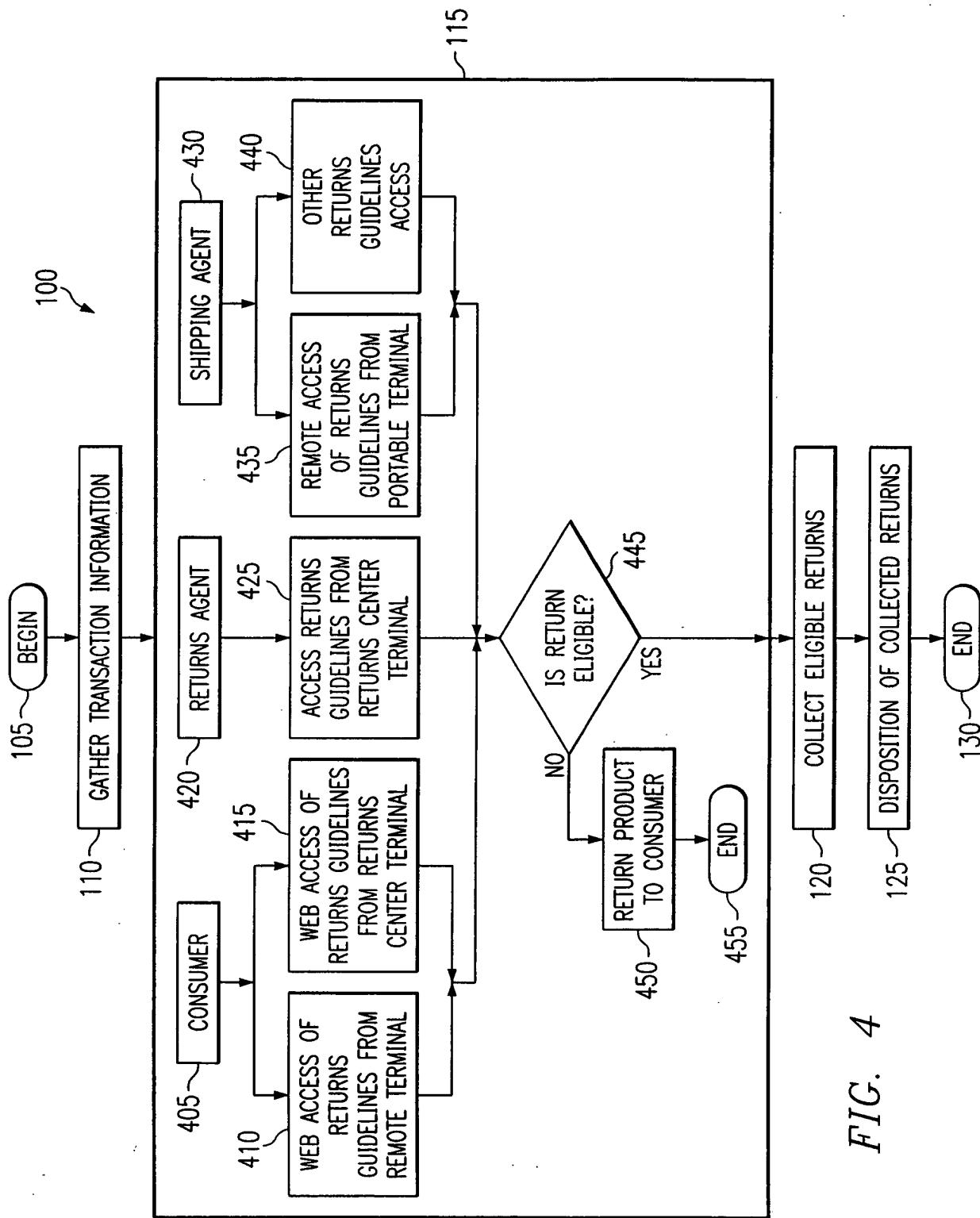


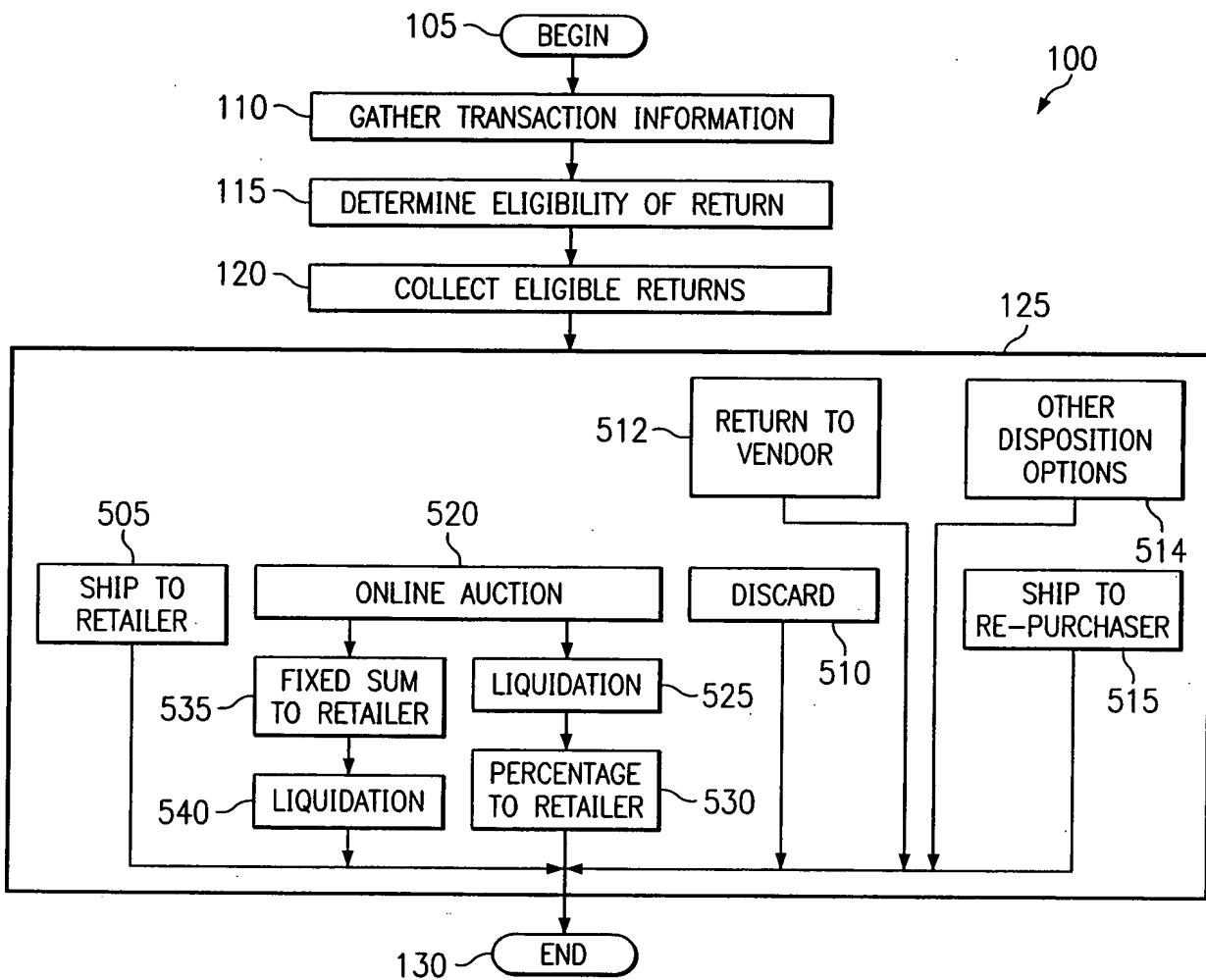
FIG. 2



*FIG. 3*



*FIG. 4*



*FIG. 5*



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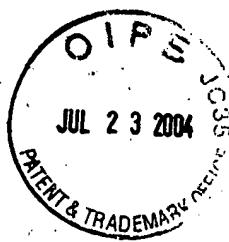
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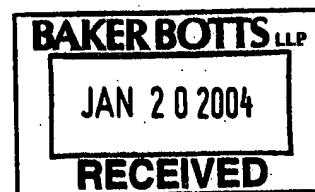
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